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SAN ANTONIO MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO CHILD PORNOGRAPHY CHARGES

United States Attorney Johnny Sutton announced that George Wenglein, Jr. pleaded guilty to possession of child pornography. He faces up to ten years in federal prison and a \$250,000 fine and any term of supervised release up to life upon completion of his sentence.

By pleading guilty, Wenglein admitted that the government was prepared to show that on January 12, 2005, he was in an Internet chat room entitled "vry yung" and responded to a message that he had child pornography videos to trade. Thereafter, on March 4, 2005, a search warrant was executed at the defendant's residence where FBI agents found a laptop computer and a thumb drive. Forensic analysis found that the thumb drive contained sixteen (16) jpeg images, many with incestuous titles, and eighty one (81) movie clips of child pornography.

This case is being prosecuted as part of the Department of Justice's Project Safe Childhood (PSC) initiative. PSC is a comprehensive initiative aimed at preventing the abuse and exploitation of children through the Internet or other distribution technology. PSC creates, on a national platform, locally designed partnerships of federal, state, and local law enforcement officers in each federal district to investigate and prosecute Internet-based crimes against children. In addition to integration of law enforcement at the district level, PSC also provides for effective participation of PSC partners in coordinated national child pornography initiatives as well as increased federal involvement in basic child pornography and enticement cases.

Sentencing is set for February 2007. This case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and is being prosecuted for the government by Assistant United States Attorney Mary Nelda Valadez.

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